

Snow, colder tonight. Fair, cold tomorrow.

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PARLIAMENT ENDS TODAY; LIBERALS PRESENT PROGRAM

Campbell - Bannerman Government Now Put on the Defensive.

CONSERVATIVES UNITED

Feature of Election Will Be Three-Cornered Fight For Seats.

The Liberal program upon which the Campbell-Bannerman government will stand or fall on the coming elections includes:

- Free trade.
- Stoppage of further importation of Chinese labor into South African mines.
- Self-government for Ireland in local affairs.
- Popular control of education.
- Popular control of licensing of the liquor traffic.
- Taxation of land values.
- Civil authority in India to be paramount over the military.
- Greater freedom for free trade unionism.
- Arbitration in internal disputes.
- The maintenance of friendly relations with foreign countries.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Parliament is to be dissolved today.

In the strange circumstance of having governed the country for a month without ever meeting parliament or having a majority in the house, the Liberal premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, goes to the electorate with a brand-new program.

Ordinarily the party which was returned at the last elections appeals to the country, but the Conservative former premier, Mr. Balfour, resigned just before Christmas in order to embarrass his opponents and force them to put forth a cabinet and a policy so that the Liberals might be made defenders instead of attackers.

New Blood in Cabinet.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has formulated his policy and constituted his cabinet. The latter includes new blood, for the Liberals have been ten years out of office, and one labor leader, John Burns, has a portfolio, which is a new feature in British political history.

The program which the Liberal leader has determined insists upon free trade, home rule in Ireland in local affairs, paramount civil authority in India and the taxation of land values.

Conservatives Stand Together.

The Conservatives are in the parties more or less united, Balfour inviting relation against foreign nations which operate a high tariff against British goods and reciprocity with the colonies, while Chamberlain pleads for full-fledged protection. Both claim that the Conservative party stands for a great empire, while the Liberals are "Little Englanders."

There are 470 seats in the house of commons, 465 from England, 30 from Wales, 72 from Scotland, and 13 from Ireland. Nine members are returned by the graduates of universities.

Plead for Majority of Sixty.

After the elections of 1906 the Conservatives had a majority of 12, that has since dwindled, but the Liberals are threatened with a coalition of Socialists and Irishmen if these two sections do not receive what they demand; so Liberal leaders are pleading for a majority of 60 over all other parties. To do this they must win 150 seats. They may do it, for never since Gladstone's most powerful days has Liberalism come to the country with so buoyant a spirit.

The feature of the election is the number of three-cornered contests for single seats. Many of these are caused by Labor, Liberal, and Conservative candidates fighting each other, but in some cases the Conservatives are split by Mr. Chamberlain's protection policy, so that Conservative free trade and Conservative tariff reform candidates are opposed to the Liberal. Something like forty seats will have these triangular fights. Both sides have long been ready for the fray, but the Liberals this time are better prepared with candidates.

London Will Poll First.

London will poll first, the country boroughs next, and the county divisions last. The earlier elections will be within a week, but the latest return, or that of Orkney and Shetland in the far north of Scotland, will not be in for nearly three weeks, as the elections are fixed according to the dates on which the writ reaches the local sheriffs.

Parliament will probably open in the second week of February, the King attending in state. The session will be one of the liveliest of modern times, for the Liberal program is very advanced and all the forces of mammon and lineage will be used against it.

ENDED HIS LIFE TO BALK THE LAW

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Charles C. Meir, formerly a partner of a San Francisco wine merchant, and wanted in that city to answer a charge of embezzling \$20,000, committed suicide this morning on board the Cunard liner Carmania as the vessel was entering this port from Liverpool.

Meir was arrested in London on November 8 last at the request of the State Department at Washington, and was ordered extradited. Detective Reynolds was sent to London, and was bringing the prisoner back to this country, when Meir committed suicide.

MAY HAVE MADE ERROR



REAR ADMIRAL EVANS, He Was in Charge of Squadron When Warships Collided.

OHIO'S INAUGURAL A GALA SPECTACLE

Democratic Governor Honored by Great Ovation.

BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENTS

John M. Pattison Begins Term of Office Under the Most Auspicious Circumstances.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 8.—At noon today, John M. Pattison was inaugurated governor of Ohio.

Priceless pomp and prancing pageantry attended the introduction of the first Democratic governor since 1899, the demonstration outdoing that of any inaugural in Ohio in years, if not in the history of the State. Fully 20,000 visitors came to the capital for the event. A troop of the national guard escorted Pattison to the executive offices from the governor's mansion. From there the governor-elect proceeded, arm in arm, to the inaugural stand in the rotunda of the capitol, where the inaugural ceremonies proper took place. The decorations were elaborate.

Farewell Speech.

Governor Herrick, in a brief farewell address, handed to Pattison his commission as governor. Chief Justice W. Z. Davis, of the supreme court, administered the oath. The inaugural address of the new governor was then delivered.

At 1 o'clock the great inaugural parade commenced. The governor-elect, accompanied by his family, occupied the same carriage at the head of the parade and when it reached the reviewing stand at the north capitol front they alighted, mounted to the front of the parade, and reviewed the thousands of spectators, and reviewed the pageant as it passed.

Social Functions.

Inauguration day evening has been set apart for brilliant social functions. These will begin with the governor's reception in the senate chamber, followed by the inaugural ball at Memorial Hall, and a smoker tendered by newspaper men to the incoming and outgoing officials at Hotel Hartman.

Lieutenant Governor Harris was inaugurated in the senate chamber immediately after the inauguration of Governor Pattison.

Because of the cold weather, Pattison reviewed the inaugural parade from a glass cage on the stand. He is not well at present. The new governor is president of the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati. In his inaugural address he urged economy reform in State affairs and made a strong plea for good government.

PITTSBURGH LADY GOES ON STAGE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 8.—It is stated here that Mrs. Grace M. Brown, widow of the only son of Captain S. S. Brown, who was cut off in her father-in-law's will with a life interest in \$30,000, is to go on the stage. She has acted in amateur theatricals and is said to have considerable talent.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

A moderate cold wave has overspread the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, Kansas, Oklahoma, northwestern Texas, and the upper lake region, due to an area of high pressure that now overlies the middle and upper portions of the Mississippi. The weather barometer is relatively low along the Appalachians, from Virginia to northern Alabama, and is expected to fall again in the extreme Northwest.

Snow has fallen in the lower lake region, the Ohio valley, and rain in Arkansas and Tennessee.

Rain is indicated for tonight and Tuesday in the south Atlantic States, and snow will continue tonight in the Ohio valley, the lower lake region, and the middle Atlantic States.

Decidedly colder weather is indicated for the southern and eastern portions of the Washington forecast district.

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